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Dear Media Representative:

I am pleased to provide you with the Division of Elections' 2004 General Election Media Kit, and hope you find it helpful as you cover the election.

<u>Information in the first section of the kit explains what's on the ballot and race-by-race</u> <u>candidate information</u>.

In sections that follow we include summaries of registered voters by party, voter turnout statistics, and ballot counting methods.

We're also including an explanation of absentee and questioned voting and counting schedules for those ballots.

The election calendar we're again calling "Hot Dates," and we've placed it near the front so that you will easily locate the statutory deadlines related to the election.

We'd like you to note, too, that Accu-Vote, the State's optical-scan ballot tabulation system, will be available in 283 of 439 precincts for this election. More than 90 percent of our voters use optical scan.

Remember that you may access the Division's home page for returns on election night: www.elections.state.ak.us

Please remind voters they may call our toll-free number to locate their polling places: 1-888-383-8683. In the Anchorage area, the number is 269-8683.

All of us at the Division of Elections look forward to working with you as you cover the 2004 General Election.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Glaiser Director of Elections